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Re: Sheriff Reports Inmate's Death

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On 04-15-22 just before 2:30 p.m., deputies working in the Hernando County Detention Center observed that a male inmate, in the medical unit, was unresponsive. The detention deputies, along with medical staff provided CPR to the inmate until Hernando County Fire and Emergency Services (HCFES) arrived on scene.

The inmate/patient, who was in cardiac arrest, was transported to the hospital by HCFES.

Upon arrival at the hospital, physicians and nurses continued to provide advanced medical care to the inmate/patient.

Unfortunately, despite diligent and lengthy efforts to revive the inmate/patient, he was pronounced deceased by the Emergency Department physician.

The inmate's next of kin was notified of the death.

As always, anytime there is an in-custody death, an investigation into the surrounding circumstances will be conducted.

There is no additional information available at this time.

The Office of Sheriff:

The Office of the Sheriff is established by the Florida Constitution. As a constitutional officer, the Sheriff has the exclusive authority to administer his or her agency and is responsible for preserving the peace throughout the entire county, carrying out the laws of the state, the orders of Florida courts, and the

ordinances of the Board of County Commissioners. The Sheriff is the chief law enforcement and correctional officer of the county.

Sheriff Al Nienhuis was initially appointed as the Sheriff of Hernando County by the Governor in January of 2011. He was then elected by the people of Hernando County in 2012, ran unopposed in 2016, and was re-elected in 2020. Sheriff Nienhuis remains accountable to the people of Hernando County.